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	Examiner John Wahnkyo Lee	Art Unit 2624

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 January 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 27 January 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsukagoshi et al. (US 2003/0002578) in view of Botsford, III et al. (US 5,646,687).

Regarding claim 1, Tskagoshi discloses a system and method for timeshifting the encoding and decoding of a compressed audio/video bitstream (Figs. 1a-180 and 1b-100). However, Tskagoshi does not disclose the claim limitations of the digital input/output card, but Botsford does. Botsford discloses a picture buffer as an input buffer (Fig. 1-5; col.3, lines 16-17), the encoder processor (Figs. 1-10, 1-11, 1-12, 1-13 and 2; col. 4, lines 47-60), and buffers which can store decoded data (Figs. 1-16, 17, 18, 19; col. 10, lines 28-39; claim 17).

It would have been *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Botsford's invention in Tsukagoshi's invention to provide a system that reduces hardware and interconnection complexity as suggested by Botsford (col. 1, lines 61-63).

Regarding claim 2, Tskagoshi further discloses a transmission medium (Fig. 1b-160) that encoded signals are transferred to a decoder system (paragraph [0028]).

Regarding claim 3, Tskagoshi further discloses a De-Multiplexer (Fig. 4-135) that is connected to the video decoder (paragraph [0035]).

Regarding claim 4, Tskagoshi further discloses a computer readable medium comprising instructions, which when executed on a processor, perform a method for timeshifting the encoding and decoding of a bitstream, the system comprising: means for encoding a compressed domain bitstream; means for storing the encoded bitstream; means for retrieving the encoded bitstream after a period of time; and means for decoding the retrieved bitstream (claim 24). Moreover, Taskagoshi discloses a CPU (Fig. 1a-184) that is connected with a data storage unit (Fig. 1a-190) and a nonvolatile memory (Fig. 1a-188) for storing static information and instructions for CPU (paragraph [0024]).

Regarding claim 5, Tskagoshi further discloses that the system of Tskagoshi using a variety of different coding schemes and formats such as MPEG-1 and MPEG-4 (paragraph [0052]).

Regarding claim 6, Tskagoshi discloses a system and method for timeshifting the encoding and decoding of a compressed audio/video bitstream (Figs. 1a-180 and 1b-100). However, Tskagoshi does not disclose the claim limitations of the digital input/output card, but Botsford does. Botsford discloses a picture buffer as an input buffer (Fig. 1-5; col.3, lines 16-17), the encoder processor (Figs. 1-10, 1-11, 1-12, 1-13 and 2; col. 4, lines 47-60), and buffers which can store decoded data (Figs. 1-16, 17, 18, 19; col. 10, lines 28-39; claim 17).

It would have been *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Botsford's invention in Tsukagoshi's invention to provide a system that reduces hardware and interconnection complexity as suggested by Botsford (col. 1, lines 61-63).

Regarding claim 7, Tskagoshi further discloses a transmission medium (Fig. 1b-160) that encoded signals are transferred to a decoder system (paragraph [0028]).

Regarding claim 8, Tskagoshi further discloses a De-Multiplexer (Fig. 4-135) that is connected to the video decoder (paragraph [0035]).

Regarding claim 9, Tskagoshi further discloses a computer readable medium comprising instructions, which when executed on a processor, perform a method for timeshifting the encoding and decoding of a bitstream, the system comprising: means for encoding a compressed domain bitstream; means for storing the encoded bitstream; means for retrieving the encoded bitstream after a period of time; and means for decoding the retrieved bitstream (claim 24). Moreover, Taskagoshi discloses a CPU (Fig. 1a-184) that is connected with a data storage unit (Fig. 1a-190) and a nonvolatile memory (Fig. 1a-188) for storing static information and instructions for CPU (paragraph [0024]).

Regarding claim 10, Tskagoshi further discloses that the system of Tskagoshi using a variety of different coding schemes and formats such as MPEG-1 and MPEG-4 (paragraph [0052]).

Conclusion

3. No claims are allowed.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Wahnkyo Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-9554. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (Alt.) 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jingge Wu can be reached on (571) 272-7429. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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